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FORM PTO-1390 MODIFIED	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 3816-62
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/500309 To be assigned
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP02/14893	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 December 2002	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 December 2001

TITLE OF INVENTION

REDUCED-WEAR SEALING ELEMENT

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
 4. ☒ The U.S. has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (25 pages specification, claims & abstract (18 claims), 6 sheets drawings).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
 6. ☐ An English language translation
 - a. ☐ of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings, page Certificate of Translation).
 - b. ☐ of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).
 7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
 8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
 - b. ☐ Declaration was submitted to the International Bureau during International Phase (see copies of Declaration (page Form PCT/RO/101 and Form PCT/IB/371 and first page of printed publication acknowledging receipt thereof attached).
 9. See item 6.b. above.
- Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
 - ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
 - ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
 - ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
 - ☐ A substitute specification.
 - ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
 - ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
 - ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 - ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 - ☒ Other items or information. International Search Report and PTO Form 1449

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.53)
To Be Assigned **00/500309**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
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3816-6221. ☒ The following fees are submitted:**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5):**

- Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) nor international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$1080.00
- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$920.00
- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO.....\$770.00
- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$730.00
- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$100.00

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☒ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)).

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE			
Total Claims	19	minus 20 =	0	X	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	minus 3 =	0	X	\$86.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)					\$290.00	\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)						\$ 0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =						\$ 1050.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.						0.00
SUBTOTAL =						\$ 1050.00
Processing fee of \$130.00, for furnishing the English Translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)).						0.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =						\$ 1050.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property						\$ 0.00
Fee for Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application (\$1330.00 - Small Entity = \$665.00)						\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =						\$ 1050.00
					Amount to be:	
					refunded	\$
					Charged	\$

- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 14-1140 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- d. ☒ The entire content of International Application No. **PCT/EP02/14893** and any U.S. and foreign application(s) corresponding thereto, and IT MI2001A002826, referred to in this application is/are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

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